

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 13 has been amended and claims 14 and 15 have been added. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested. Therefore, claims 1-15 are pending and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 1-12 have been found to contain allowable subject matter, however, applicant also has the following comments on the "reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter."

Regarding the allowability of claim 1, applicant notes that the Office Action indicates that the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest "a driving controller controlling the driving of **both** the feed roller **and** the exit roller (emphasis added)." Applicant, however, disagrees and asserts that, since the prior art discloses only controlling the driving of a driving roller, recitations of controlling the driving of the feed roller and controlling the driving of the exit roller are severally allowable. In other words, a claim reciting one of either controlling the driving of the feed roller or controlling the driving of the exit roller is believed to be allowable.

Regarding the allowability of claim 11, applicant asserts that this claim is allowable because the prior art fails to recite a method of controlling a pickup roller comprising, among other operations, "determining a rotation speed and a torque of the driving motor corresponding to the sensed ambient temperature," and "driving the driving motor connected to the pickup roller according to the determined rotation speed and torque."

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action, at page 2, numbered paragraph 3, claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Noyes et al. (U.S. 6,364,452). However, applicant notes that claims 13, as amended, recites controlling the driving of the pickup roller, the feed roller, **and** the exit roller according to the ambient temperature sensed by the temperature sensor. Thus, it is believed that the rejection of claim 13 is overcome.

NEWLY ADDED CLAIMS 14 AND 15

Applicant notes that claims 14 and 15 have been added and recite similar subject matter as claim 13 but claim 14 recites "controlling the driving of the pickup roller and the exit roller according to the ambient temperature sensed by the temperature sensor," and claim 15 recites "controlling the driving of the pickup roller and the feed roller according to the ambient temperature sensed by the temperature sensor." These claims are believed to be allowable because the prior art only discloses controlling the driving of a driving roller. Meanwhile the prior art is silent as to controlling the driving of the feed roller and controlling the driving of the exit roller. Thus, a claim including either or both of these features, as in claims 14 and 15 or 13, is believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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